# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6490
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ILLNESS ASSISTANCE FUND
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have set up a National Illness Assistance Fund; and

(b) if so, the details of the various types of ailments which are eligible for assistance under it?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) National Illness Assistance Fund was set up in 1997. The name of National Illness Assistance Fund has been changed to ` Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi` vide Government`s Resolution No. W.11011/2/2003-NIAF dated 8.4.2003.

(b) An illustrative list of diseases which are eligible for assistance under Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi is annexed.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 6490 for 7.5.2003

An illustrative list# of categories of diseases covered for treatment under the Fund is given below:-

1. Cardiology & Cardiac Surgery

Pacemakers disposable for interventional procedure including TMT, Echocardiography Coronary Angiography, Angioplasty Aheretomy, Heart surgery for Congenital and Acquired conditions including C.A.B.G., Vascular Surgery stents and Cardiac Transplantation, etc.

2. Cancer

Radiation treatment of all kinds.
Anti Cancer Chemotherapy

3. Urology/Nephrology

Dialysis alongwith consumable goods (coils and dialysis solution etc.) Vascular shunts for Dialysis, PC.N. & P.C.N.L Kits, Lithopripsy (for stones)-disposable and stents for endoscopic surgical procedure in Urology and Gastroenterology, Rental & Hepatee transplantation.

4. Orthopaedics

Artificial prosthesis for limbs, implants and total hip and knee replacement external fixaters, AO implants used in the treatment of bone disease and fractures.

5. Miscellaneous

Intra-ocular lens implants, hearing aids and shunts for hydrocephalus.

6. Investigations

Ultra-sound, Dopler shidres, Radioolneulcolide scans, CT scan Mammography, Angiography for all organs, M.R.L, E.E.G.,E.M.G., Urodynamic studies.

7. Drugs

Imuno-supressive drugs, Anti TB drugs, Anti D, Anti Haeomophhilie globulin, Erythropoiten, Blood & Blood products, Plasma for patients of burn.

8. Other major illness considered appropriate for assistance by Medical Superintendent/Committee of Doctors could be added to the List.

# The list could be modified by the Technical Committee.